

office. With misgivings I gave my consent. Late that afternoon I hurried over for a specimen of blood for another Widal. The boy was sitting up; there was a sparkle in his eye, snap to his smile and a sting to his grin. A large wad of dressing was in his left axilla—my benighted father, refusing to wait for a Widal, had found an axillary abscess, lanced it, drained it, and shot a durned good diagnosis of typhoid fever all to thunder."

I have been very much interested in your editorials and consider them the best published in any medical journal, as they cover live topics, subjects that concern the doctor's future welfare, but which policy causes most medical leaders to straddle, and then a few years later when the damage has been done they make their cry. I subscribe for seven medical journals and I honestly believe that California and Western Medicine is not only the most attractive but the most valuable that comes to my desk.—M. B. W., San Francisco.

Father—Tommy, stop pulling that cat's tail.

Tommy—I'm only holding the tail; the cat's pulling it.

When all is said, the general practitioner, the real trunk of our tree, is the man who can do most at solving the problem of feeding infants.—E. M. T., Los Angeles.

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for your helpful criticisms of my paper on —. The paper was much better for the purposes of delivery at the County Society, than it was for publication in its present form. With your kindly and valuable suggestions in mind, I shall divide the paper into two parts and make certain revisions. I realize that I have demanded far more of your time than was right, in connection with a communication, which at first sight showed its unavailability for publication in California and Western Medicine. I am fully appreciative of your kindness and I wish you to know that I have a very high regard for your judgment in the matter at hand. May I take this opportunity to tell you of ever-increasing satisfaction being felt by medical men with whom I come in contact, for our State Journal? Your untiring efforts are surely bearing fruit.—J. C., San Francisco.

Have no additions or corrections to make on my paper. I think your plan of discussion is excellent and greatly adds to the value of the paper.—W. M. H., Los Angeles.

Some time ago the editor returned a manuscript of mine, saying that if I would reduce its size he would be glad to publish it. Since that time, however, you have published an article of mine. So with your permission I will not re-submit this article, since it seems to me that it would be rather selfish on my part to ask publication of two articles in one year.—H. K. B., Los Angeles.

Dentist—So you have broken off a tooth, have you?

Patient (tough youngster)—Yes, sir.

Dentist—How did you do it?

Youngster—Oh, shifting gears on a lollipop!

I am sorry to say that I have been ill and away from my office for some ten days, returning yesterday. For that reason I am late in returning the paper at the time indicated in your letter. I trust it will not inconvenience you too greatly. I am very much interested in these papers and I hope you will not hold this against me in the future when asking members to discuss papers.—A. L. D., Torrance, Calif.

Does the Child Always Resemble the Father?

Terence—"Tis a fine kid ye have here. A magnificent head and noble features. Could ye lend me a couple of dollars?"

Pat—I could not. 'Tis me wife's child by her first husband.

Popular Medical Lectures—The Stanford University Medical School announces the forty-third course of popular medical lectures, to be given at Lane Hall, north side of Sacramento street, near Webster, San Francisco, on alternate Friday evenings from January 9 to March 20, 1925. The dates, subjects and speakers are:

January 9—"Influenza and Common Colds," Dr. A. W. Hewlett.

January 23—"Migration as a Factor in Communicable Diseases," Dr. W. N. Dickie, Secretary of the State Board of Health.

February 6—"Parasitic Infections," Dr. N. E. Wayson, United States Public Health Service.

February 20—"Constipation and Auto-Intoxication," Dr. W. C. Alvarez.

March 6—"Loss of Life from Preventable Diseases," Dr. W. C. Hassler, Health Officer of San Francisco.

March 20—"Vaccines and Serums," Dr. E. W. Schultz.

The Poor Boy and Medical Education—"The medical profession must not by any circumstance of excessive costs of medical education allow its doors to be closed to the poor boy. Ways and means, endowment and gifts, must be provided for the fulfillment of his medical call," says the Cincinnati Journal of Medicine editorially.

California Board of Medical Examiners

(Reported by C. B. Pinkham, Secretary)

According to the San Francisco Herald of December 1, 1924, James William Richards, M. D., once a highly respected physician of Newark, N. J., pleaded guilty before Federal Judge John S. Partridge to a violation of the Harrison Narcotic law, and was sentenced to two years in Leavenworth prison. Dr. Richards was declared to have had a forged narcotic prescription at the time of his arrest. According to reports, on September 24, 1923, James William Richards, M. D., pleaded guilty to a narcotic charge in Los Angeles, and was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail. A citation has been served on Dr. Richards, returnable at the February, 1925, meeting, to show cause why his license to practice in the state of California should not be revoked.

Leon Hurwitz, licensed to practice in California some years ago, was recently sentenced to three years in Leavenworth penitentiary, on a charge of violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act and has been served with a citation, returnable at the February, 1925, meeting, to show cause why his license to practice in California should not be revoked.

J. C. Gancsu, posing as a doctor of medicine, was recently arrested in Pasadena on a charge of violation of the Medical Practice Act. According to newspaper reports, he had two concealed cameras in his office and thereby had taken the photographs of some one hundred patients in unconventional attitudes on his operating-table. Gancsu, while doing some electrical repair work, is reported to have taken the Ohio and California licenses of Drs. Ralph W. and Harriet C. Reynolds, having erased the name of Harriet Reynolds and written in the name of Joseph C. Gancsu; also, to have removed the Ohio seal. A reproduced copy of an Ohio license in blank was seized at the time of Gancsu's arrest; also, reproduction of the city of New York certificate of registration in blank, it evidently being Gancsu's intention to start a "diploma mill."

Francis Eugene Elmer, arrested in San Francisco, February 13, 1924, on a charge of violation of the Medical Practice Act, and who was held to answer May 21 for trial, left the jurisdiction of the court. Dr. Elmer is one of those indicted by the San Francisco Grand Jury in connection with the diploma mill frauds. He has been reported as "making himself obnoxious to the American colony" in Mexico City.

Charges against three Chinese herb doctors, recently arrested in San Francisco for violation of the Medical Practice Act, were dismissed by Police Judge Golden on November 28, 1924, on the ground of insufficient evidence.

W. L. Martin, claiming to be a graduate from the American University of Sanipractic, Seattle, Wash., arrested in Long Beach on a charge of violation of the Medical Practice Act, pleaded guilty on October 28, 1924, and was given a suspended sentence of sixty days in the county jail. A search of Martin's office disclosed, among other things, a speculum, four sounds, thirteen bottles of drugs or medicines, etc. Reports from Washington state that quo warranto proceedings to revoke the charter of the American University of Sanipractic have been instituted by the Attorney-General of the state of Washington.

Slapping Her on the Wrist—Complaint was made to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE by a Visalia physician that a woman unlicensed to practice medicine was doing some dangerous things. Photographs were submitted, showing a most deplorable condition of a man's jaw, said to have been aggravated by her improper treatment.

The complaint and photographs were forwarded to the Board of Medical Examiners. Their special agent investigated and promptly arrested the woman. She was charged before a Fresno judge, pleaded guilty, and was given a suspended sentence for six months.